Rail Neer Plants

3791. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the two Rail Neer Plants located at Nangloi, Delhi and Danapur, Bihar are sufficient to cater to needs of entire railway network;

(b) whether Government are considering any agreements to set up such units in other parts of the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation will set up "Rail Neer" Plants throughout the country in a phased manner.

Recruitment in North Frontier Railway

3792. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2526, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 17th March, 2006 and state:

(a) what is the number of employees recruited to various posts by North Frontier Railway on the recommendations of Railway Recruitment Board, Guwahati during the last two years;

(b) what is the State/domicile-wise distribution of these candidates indicating the name of posts, number of employees recruited and their State of domicile and name of the relevant examination;

(c) what was the number of applications received from the candidates State-wise; and

(d) what are the yardsticks fixed by the Recruitment Board for selecting candidates against these posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) 2004-05-421 (Four hundred twenty one).

2005-06-3149 (Three thousand one hundred forty nine).

(b) and (c) Selections are made by Railway Recruitment Boards on All India basis. State-wise or domicile-wise statistics of the candidates are not maintained by Railway Recruitment Boards.

(d) Railway Recruitment Boards select candidates for various Group 'C posts on the basis of their performances in the written examination. Written examination contain multiple choice/objective type questions only. For certain categories of posts, written examination is followed by Aptitude Test, Skill Test or Interview.

Technology banks for SSIs

3793. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to plan or create technology bank for small and medium enterprises; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) A Technology Bank for Small and Medium Enterprises han been established with the incorporation, on 17 November 2005, of a company named, 'India SME Technology Services Limited' with the Small Industries Development Bank of India, Oriental Bank of Commerce and Indian Bank as its initial promoters. The State Bank of India and Indian Overseas Bank have also committed to contribute to the share capital of this company.

Restructuring of ship breaking yard at Alang in Gujarat

†3794. SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the Asia's largest ship breaking yard at Alang in Gujarat is in the State **of** desolation and about 40,000 workers engaged in manual ship breaking have deserted Alang and returned to Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Orissa;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.